

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 1, 2011. Claims 3 and 26 to 28 are in the application, of which Claim 3 is independent. Claims 6 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 3 has been amended herein, and Claims 26 to 28 have been newly added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 3 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,497,997 (Glezer). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Glezer in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,378,428 (Farina). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

According to one feature recited by Claim 1, the culturing area contains at least two biologically active substances having a biological activity to the cell.

By virtue of the foregoing feature, it is typically possible for the cell culture substrate to be capable of providing a mutual relation of different actions of the at least two biologically active substances.

Neither Glezer nor Farina, even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the foregoing feature, or the attendant benefits provided thereby.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects and are dependent from the independent claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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